

Connecticut State Board of Education  
Connecticut Technical High School Committee  
Minutes of Meeting Held on  
October 13, 2010

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the Connecticut Technical High School Committee (the "Committee") met on October 13, 2010, at Emmet O'Brien Technical High School, Ansonia, CT.

Committee Members Present:	Joseph Vrabely, Chair Beverly Bobroske Theresa Hopkins-Staten Pamela Partridge West
State Department of Education	Patricia A. Ciccone, Superintendent Ceferino Lugo, Assistant Superintendent Nivea Torres, Assistant Superintendent Robert Lombardi, Assistant Superintendent Beatrice Tinty, CTHSS, Consultant James Chasse, CTHSS, Consultant Pamela Bergin, Assistant to the Commissioner Nikitoula Menounos, Norwich Tech Principal and V.P. American Federation of School Administrators Richard Cavallaro, Wilcox Tech, Principal and President, American Federation of School Administrators Laurie Lebouthillier, Emmett O'Brien Tech, Principal
State Vocational Federation of Teachers	Rick Tanasi, President
Emmett O'Brien Student Representatives:	John Sinnorai Ben Herrity

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Vrabely called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Everyone introduced themselves.

II. Executive Session

By unanimous consent, the Board recessed its meeting at 10:15 a.m. to go into executive session to discuss the safety and security of our schools, with regard to personnel and staffing issues. Present in Executive Session were: Mr. Vrabely, Mrs. Bobroske, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten and Mrs. Partridge West. Also present for part of executive session was Ms. Patricia A. Ciccone, Superintendent of the Connecticut Technical High Schools.

The meeting reconvened at 11:00 a.m. Present were: Mr. Vrabely, Mrs. Bobroske, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten and Mrs. Partridge West.

III. Consideration of Minutes of September 8, 2010 CTHS Committee Meeting

Mrs. Bobroske moved, Mrs. Partridge West seconded. The Committee approved the minutes of September 8, 2010, June 9, 2010 and March 10, 2010.

Vote: In Favor: Vrabely, Bobroske, Partridge West  
Opposed: 0  
Abstained: 0  
Motion carried.

IV. Public Participation

Ben Herrity and John Sinnorai, Emmett O'Brien Tech. students, made a brief presentation of each shop by exhibiting various tools used by students to perform respective tasks. They also viewed items made during their shop cycle. They explained the school-wide initiative, recognizing Random Acts of kindness "RAK"; when one student has done something to be recognized, that student gets a printed high five hand with his/her name, later displayed in the school corridor. Mrs. Bobroske suggested that this initiative is a good thing to be implemented in each technical high school. The students shared their Emmett O'Brien experiences and how they are planning to expand what they have learned here when attending college.

V. Consent Agenda-none

VI. Items requiring Action

a) Renaming of the Wilcox Technical High School Athletic Fields

Ms. Ciccone talked about renaming the Wilcox Technical High School Athletic fields to The Robert M. Dorsey Sports Parks as a tribute to Mr. Dorsey for his dedication, integrity, strength among others for his excellent administrative service to the state.

Mrs. Bobroske moved, Mrs. Partridge West seconded, that the Committee approve renaming the Wilcox Technical High School Athletic fields to The Robert M. Dorsey Sports Parks.

Vote: In Favor: Vrabely, Bobroske, Partridge West  
Opposed: 0  
Abstained: 0  
Motion carried unanimously

VII. Items for Discussion

a) Inventory Executive Summary

Ms. Ciccone stated that the inventory process that will allow the schools to take inventory twice per year is not yet approved by the State Department of Education. The State Department of Education is working hard to get the inventory process components in place. Once completed, an internal audit will be conducted in each school at the beginning and end of each school year to successfully complete the inventory. Department Heads and Assistant Principals have been trained in the electronic disposal system.

b) Fiscal Executive Summary

Superintendent Ciccone gave a brief update on the status of the school construction and renovations projects. Each member received a complete operating budget summary FY 2011.

Mr. Chasse discussed the update of the busses and the delivery prognosis for the 45 new busses that have been ordered.

c) Mentoring Programs at E.C. Goodwin Technical High School

Ms. Ciccone distributed a handout on the Mentoring Program at E.C. Goodwin Technical High School.

d) Vinal Audit

Ms. Ciccone spoke briefly on the Vinal audit.

**VIII. Report of the Superintendent**

- Superintendent Ciccone discussed the importance of refilling vacant positions in each building.
- 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary-tickets that cost \$ 100.00 have been lowered to \$ 70.00; people that have already paid \$ 100 will be refunded the difference.
- Ms. Ciccone shared the October 1, 2010, census data enrollment data.

**IX. Other Matters-**

Mr. Tanasi discussed the need to bring BPR back into the schools. He explained that construction trade students are in need of this training, whether the subject is brought back or enhanced in existing programs.

Mr. Tanasi congratulated Ms. Ciccone for the hard work she is doing on the school security issue and is in full support of this effort.

X. Public Participation-None

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Minutes approved at the November 10, 2010 meeting